

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. NO.: 2308-01  
BILL NO.: HB 1216  
SUBJECT: Adopted Adults to Access Their Original Birth Certificate Without a Court Order  
TYPE: Corrected\*  
DATE: January 26, 2000

\* To include Total Estimated Effect on General Revenue Funds

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**FISCAL SUMMARY**

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS</b>                          |                 |                 |                 |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| FUND AFFECTED   | FY 2001         | FY 2002         | FY 2003         |
| General Revenue   | \$63,000        | \$75,600        | \$31,789        |
|   |                 |                 |                 |
| <b>Total Estimated<br/>Net Effect on <u>All</u><br/>State Funds</b> | <b>\$63,000</b> | <b>\$75,600</b> | <b>\$31,789</b> |

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>                          |            |            |            |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED   | FY 2001    | FY 2002    | FY 2003    |
| None  |            |            |            |
|   |            |            |            |
| <b>Total Estimated<br/>Net Effect on <u>All</u><br/>Federal Funds</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> |

| <b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b> |            |            |            |
|--|------------|------------|------------|
| FUND AFFECTED                              | FY 2001    | FY 2002    | FY 2003    |
| <b>Local Government</b>                    | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> | <b>\$0</b> |

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

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## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of State Courts Administrator** assume that this proposal will not fiscally affect their agency.

Officials from the **Department of Health (DOH)** assume that this proposal will affect total state revenue from the increase in birth certificate fee income. The DOH stated that they respond to approximately 30 requests daily regarding access to adoption records. The DOH also assumes that once the public is made aware a court order is no longer necessary more requests than the 30 per day currently are anticipated. The expected revenue is based on 30 new requests per day times 21 days in a month times 12 months a year times \$10 a copy. This totals \$75,600 in revenue per year for Fiscal Years 2002 and 2003 and \$63,000 in Fiscal Year 2001.

The DOH responded that an additional Clerk-Typist II (\$19,452) would be needed to accommodate the increase in requests by the third year. The Clerk Typist would process record requests, file adoption and paternity affidavit records, mail necessary correspondence, update computer records and prepare and provide update to local registrar's for issuance of new certificates. Expenses related to this proposal would be for salary & fringe benefits for one FTE, PC, system furniture, file cabinet, chair, office supplies, data processing, office & communication expense, envelopes, and postage. Cost of envelopes determined by 15 boxes (500 per box) times 22.50. Postage determined by amount of requests times amount of postage @ .33 per envelope. Total expense and equipment was estimated at \$16,422. All revenue and costs are accounted for in the General Revenue Fund.

| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>   | FY 2001<br>(10 Mo.)    | FY 2002                | FY 2003                |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>               |                        |                        |                        |
| <u>Revenue - Department of Health</u>     |                        |                        |                        |
| Increased Birth Certificate Fees          | \$63,000               | \$75,600               | \$75,600               |
| <u>Costs - Department of Health</u>       |                        |                        |                        |
| Personal Service (1 FTE)                  | \$0                    | \$0                    | (\$20,948)             |
| Fringe Benefits                           | \$0                    | \$0                    | (\$6,441)              |
| Expense and Equipment                     | <u>\$0</u>             | <u>\$0</u>             | <u>(\$16,422)</u>      |
| Total <u>Costs</u> - Department of Health | <u>\$0</u>             | <u>\$0</u>             | <u>(\$43,811)</u>      |
| <b>*TOTAL ESTIMATED NET EFFECT</b>        |                        |                        |                        |
| <b>*ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>           | <u><b>\$63,000</b></u> | <u><b>\$75,600</b></u> | <u><b>\$31,789</b></u> |

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| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u> | FY 2001<br>(10 Mo.) | FY 2002 | FY 2003 |
|---|---------------------|---------|---------|
|   | \$0                 | \$0     | \$0     |
| <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business</u>   |                     |         |         |

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

#### DESCRIPTION

This proposal allows an adopted person 18 years of age or older born in Missouri to receive a certified copy of his or her original unaltered birth certificate from the state registrar upon written application.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of State Courts Administrator  
Department of Health



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